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SUBJECT: COMMENTS OF FEBRUARY 10 MEETING (SALT TWO-510)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING I SET FORTH OUR VIEWS ON INCLUSION OF THE BACKFIRE, DEFINITION OF ASMS IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE AS APPLYING ONLY TO BALLISTIC MISSILES, OUR VIEWS ON DEFINING A HEAVY ICBM, AND INCLUSION OF THE MAY 26, 1972, AGREED INTERPRETATION AND COMMON UNDERSTANDING ON INCREASES IN DIMENSIONS OF ICBM LAUNCHERS. SEMENOV CONTINUED HIS "REVIEW" OF THEIR DRAFT AGREEMENT, EXPANDING ON THE " INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE I.A. AND THE NEW AGREEMENT."
2. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS STATEMENT TODAY, IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION, I ASKED HIM WHETHER HIS CONCEPT WAS THAT NO ELEMENT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT COULD TAKE EFFECT UNTIL OCTOBER 3, 1977, OR WHETHER THE CONCEPT WAS THAT SOME ELEMENTS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE I.A. COULD TAKE EFFECT PRIOR TO THAT TIME. HE SAID THIS WAS A " NEW QUESTION," AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, THAT HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN CONSIDERATION.
3. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION SEMENOV PRESSED ME ON WHY, IF

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WE AGREED ARTICLES I AND II OF I.A. SHOULD BE CARRIED FORWARD,

WORKING GROUP COULD NOT IMMEDIATELY BE FORMED TO DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION IN THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT. THEME OF IMPORTANCE OF DRAFTING AGREEMENT LANGUAGE, RATHER THAN TALKING " GENERALITIES" WAS STRENOUSLY CARRIED FORWARD BY SOVDEL IN ALL OTHER BILATERALS.

4. DURING COURSE OF MAKING MY STATEMENT, TRUSOV AND SEMENOV EXCHANGED NOTES WHICH LATER SEMENOV TOLD ME WAS TO EFFECT THAT TRUSOV FELT, AND HE (SEMENOV) AGREED, THAT IN VIEW OF MY STATEMENT " IT WOULD NOT BE WISE" TO HAVE TRUSOV MAKE STATEMENT THAT HE HAD PLANNED FOR TODAYS SESSION.

5. ONLY SPECIFIC COMMENT ON MY BACKFIRE AND BALLISTIC ASM PRESENTATION WAS TO MAY BY SHCHUKIN WHO QUESTIONED WHY BOTH B-1 AND BACKFIRE SHOULD BE INCLUDED, NOTING THAT B-1 WAS NOT YET INTRODUCED INTO THE FORCE AND BACKFIRE"SO FAR AS HE KNEW" WAS NOT RELEVANT. HE INDICATED KNOWLEDGE OF " AGREEMENT TO DISAGREE" ON ASM ISSUE.

6. NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

7. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE THIS MEETING. JOHNSON

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